

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 15 and 18 were rewritten to overcome this rejection.

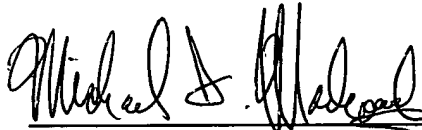
Claims 1, 3, 6, and 10-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,144,557 to Chen et al. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,051,781 to Bianca et al. Claims 2, 4, and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chen et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 15, and 18 provide that a cross-section of the EMI shield member taken through the aperture consists of a plurality of rectangles at a substantially equal distance from the printed circuit or ground plane. In contrast, in Chen et al., a cross-section of shield member 110 taken through aperture 112 yields a plurality of shapes at varying distances from printed circuit board 120, 140, (see Figs. 2A, 2B). Likewise, a cross-section taken through an aperture 24 of shield member 38 also yields a plurality of shapes with varying distances from printed circuit board 26 in Bianca et al., (see Fig. 2).

All of the rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (212) 940-8800.

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